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Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 5, 7, 8-10, and 14-18 are under consideration.

The allowance of claims 9 and 14-15 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5, 7, 8, and 16-18 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 5, 7 and 18 are rewritten in independent form and should be allowable as rewritten.

Claim 10 is amended so as to make this claim dependent on allowed claim 9. Thus, claim 10 should be allowable as amended.

Claim 16 is dependent on allowed claim 14 and should be allowable without more.

Claim 17 is amended so as to be dependent on allowed claim 14. Thus, claim 17 should be allowable as amended.

This application now has five (5) independent claims and five (5) dependent claims. Kindly charge the fee for two independent claims in excess of three (\$200.00) to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

The present amendments to the claims are believed to dispose of all issues in this case and to place this application in condition for allowance. Early such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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